

# How to Make a Clay Axe

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## Step 1

Make a rectangular piece of clay to work with.



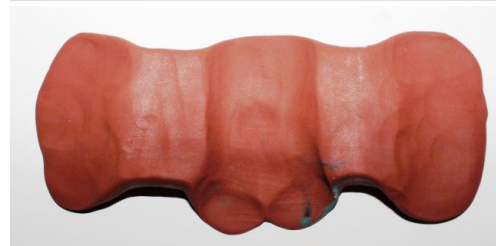
## Step 2

Using your finger as a hammer, draw out the edges of the rectangle to create the face of the axe.



## Step 3

Draw out the center of the axe. This is where you will put the handle.



## Step 4

Bend the axe down the center and weld the edges together, leaving space for the handle.



## Step 5

Next a blacksmith would weld a steel edge onto the hammer. Use different color clay to represent the steel edge.



## Step 6

The axe head is finished. Now you can add a handle to make a complete axe.

